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Public Safety Announces Organizational Changes More Efficient Command Goal of Highway Patrol, ABI Restructuring

MONTGOMERY — The Alabama Department of Public Safety is reorganizing Highway Patrol troops and Alabama Bureau of Investigation areas to improve efficiency and create a more effective command structure, according to DPS Director Col. Mike Coppage. Coppage said the changes become effective Dec. 11.

“Public Safety continues to look for ways to improve its service to Alabama, and command efficiency is among the most important improvements,” said Coppage. “We want to ensure that our command structure facilitates the work of Public Safety’s employees from top to bottom.”

Under the restructuring, Highway Patrol will increase from six to seven troop headquarters. The Dothan post, previously part of the Montgomery troop, will form the new troop. The new Dothan troop, Troop F, will comprise Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike counties.

Also under the plan, ABI operations will be realigned from six geographical areas to five, assigned to the northern, central and southern regional commands.

Coppage said no offices will be closed under the reorganization, and there will be no physical relocation of any police services.

“The impact of these changes will be more effective command and better supervision,” said Coppage. “Within both Highway Patrol and ABI, the reorganization will provide more manageable areas and enhance command efficiency. That translates into increased efficiency across the board.”

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